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BISHOPS TO HEAR  
CARDINAL SUENENS

NEW YORK -- Worship leaders at the 1980 interim meeting of the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church in Chattanooga, Tenn., Oct. 2-9, will be two internationally known churchmen -- Cardinal Leo Josef Suenens of Belgium and Dean Alan Brunskill Webster of London.

The Rt. Rev. John M. Allin, Presiding Bishop, has announced that Cardinal Suenens, who retired last year as Roman Catholic Archbishop of Mechelen-Brussels, will lead an hour of "spiritual refreshment" beginning at 9:00 a.m. each day. Cardinal Suenens, who was a major figure at the Second Vatican Council and who has been a leader in the Catholic charismatic movement, retired last year at the age of 75. He had been archbishop of the jurisdiction since 1961 and a cardinal since 1962.

The Very Rev. David B. Collins, dean of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta, will assist Cardinal Suenens and serve as his chaplain during the meeting.

Dean Webster, who has been dean of St. Paul's Cathedral (Church of England) in London since 1977, will celebrate the eucharist each working day at 12:10 p.m. and will give a homily at each service.

Agenda arrangements are being made by Bishop Allin and the nine-member Council of Advice, composed of the presidents of the regional provinces of the Church. Bishop Frederick B. Wolf of Maine heads that Council.

Following Cardinal Suenens' meditations each morning, several major concerns of the Church will be presented in plenary sessions. Tentative items for this part of the agenda include Ecumenism, Our Mission to Society and the Urban Crisis, Communication, Theology of the Episcopate, Ministries of the Church, and Potpourri. Specific information about these items as to day and speakers is not available at this time.

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The afternoons will be spent in small work groups or the committee of the whole to share understandings and experiences concerning the various areas of responsibility. Plenary sessions will be scheduled in the afternoons if necessary for making official decisions or taking formal actions. However, the House of Bishops has no legislative authority when it holds its annual interim sessions apart from the House of Deputies meeting in General Convention.

The bishops expect to recess every evening about six and no evening sessions will be scheduled unless needed.


The exact time for the opening session on Thursday, Oct. 2 has not been set, though Bishop Allin said he expects it will be late afternoon or early evening. The House is set to adjourn at noon on Thursday, Oct. 9.

Sessions will be held at The Read House, Ninth and Broad, Chattanooga, Tenn. 37402.

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